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There have been times in our lives where we have reached utter frustration with either a teacher, a coach, an employer

a boss, a husband or wife, a man or a Dad where we have blurted out the question

"Just what do you want from me?" But have you ever asked this of God? I remember a time before I was a pastor where despite all I was doing at the soul the mission and the SS I didn't feel like it was enough! I remember saying, "What do you want from me? What is going to make you happy?" Well I found the answer. Here in Deut 10

Every Christian can know the requirements of God and understand why we should meet these requirements <sup>what Deo says that</sup> by receiving

I. He Requires Our Fear (vs 12b) - Prov 1:7

This fear is not a cowering in the corner terrifying fear but a cautious reverent fear, as a son to Father. We ought to fear

A. Because of His Obligations (vs 13a) - It was with fearful thundering and lightnings that God gave his Moral Law. The "Thou Shalts and the Thou shalt nots" are to be closely and fearfully guarded in our hearts. PS 119:11. We have been delivered and therefore are obligated

to follow his commands. MT - We must make his revealed will <sup>our rule.</sup>

B. Because of His Ownership (vs 14) - Everything and I mean everything belongs to him.

All that is in this Universe is his. We so often like to stake out a claim as ours. My House, car



land, money, paycheck. But we are stewards over his possessions. We should fear the Lord because he can all too quickly the truth that Job learned the Lord quickly.

C. Because of His Omnipotence (Vs 17) - He alone is all powerful and able to do what he will with this world and our lives. I like the quote from Clark. This phrase "a great God - mighty" is the exact same phrase used for the description of the Messiah the Lord Jesus in Is 9:6. He shall be called <sup>mighty</sup> God, Counselor

II. He Requires Our Following (Vs 12C) - Our duty or requirement toward God as his redeemed people is to walk in all His ways. to Follow after him

A. Because of His Comforting Command (Vs 13b) We should fear God and keep his commandments because they are designed for our good or our comfort. The commands of God in Christ Jesus are not a heavy load of burden, but are to provide us safety and for our benefit. The rule of a parent to stay away from a hot stove is a benefit not a burden.

B. Because of His Cutting Command (Vs 16) Here we are taught that the act of circumcision goes well beyond just a separation of flesh but to symbolize the cutting away of our hearts from this world to God. One can not follow in the ways of God and be attached to this world's corrupt affections and inclinations. Rom 8:13

C. Because of His Cleansing Command (Vs 20) - This meeting at Mount Sinai was the cutting

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge:  
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not  
sin against thee.

Clark - He is the source whence all being and power  
proceed; every agent is finite but himself; and he can  
counteract, suspend, or destroy all the actions of all  
creatures whensoever he pleases. If he determine to  
save, none can destroy; if he purpose to destroy, none  
can save. How absolutely necessary to have such a God  
for our friend!

Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye  
through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

...to each other in the journey of life, so we are to cleave to our  
God and Him only to follow.

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Deuteronomy 7:7-8 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor  
choose you, because ye were more in number than any people;  
for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved  
you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn  
unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty  
hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the  
hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

John Trapp said, "God loved them because he loved them. He  
chose them of his love, and then loved them for his choice.

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cutting of a covenant between God and his people. At which not only were the children of Israel cut away from world but there was a cleaning. He became their God and they became

His people. Like a husband and wife cleave to each other

III. He Requires Our Affection (vs 12d) We are not to blindly and coldly fear and follow God as some Military General but we are required to love Him. This requirement should flow naturally from the heart

A. Because of His Grace (vs 15) - This great and omnipotent God that towers above all the gods of stone & wood made by the hands of men has chosen a people for himself. Deut 7:7-8 say it the best. John 1:14. Ah that's grace,

- You ought to love God because he loved you when you were unlovable, he chose you when you were unchosen. He took you when you were untakable. What Grace God has shown unto you and d. Your affection <sup>to him</sup> belongs

B. Because of His Goodness (vs 18-19) - the phrase "execute the judgment" means God decides and acts rightly, kindly, and graciously concerning the widow & orphan. He provides for the stranger. God is to be loved because God is Good. vs 19

You do the same because I provided for you in Egypt. They ought to love him because of His goodness. God has been good to you. I see a room full of blessed people. God's blessing you will be healthy children, bones, cars, isos, <sup>in some "but spiritual blessing"</sup> You may be lacking

IV. The Lord Requires Our Faithfulness (vs 10c)

Our duty toward God is that of faithful service and devotion to our Redeeming Lord. This is a word that has lost its meaning, in marriages, homes, churches, even

A. Because of His Provision (vs 21) - Recall

he wonders the children of Israel saw the  
10 plagues the parting of Red Sea, The water  
from the Rock the manna on the ground the  
quail in the air, the shoes on their feet the clothes  
on their back, These children at their side the promise  
land before them. The great and terrible things  
they have seen compells them to serve the Lord  
with gladness of heart as M.H. said devote...

Why do you do what you do? Not out of faithfulness to

B. Because of His Protection (vs 22) God

refers to the growth of the nation. It was all that went down into Egypt and now a mighty nation. In those years of slavery and need's want God protected his people. Thru the dangers of plague, the perils of escape, the wanderings in wilderness, God has protected his people. This protection begs our whole hearted service. From his protection in the years of rebellion to his Daily watch over his flock today, he is our shield <sup>of power</sup>

V Closing - Are you at your wits end?

Have you thrown up your hands and said, "God what do you want from me?" Here it is summed up in one verse. Here is what is scattered through the remaining verses. Now let us endeavor to fulfill his requirements

Matthew Henry - ...devote ourselves to his honour, put ourselves under his government, and lay out ourselves to advance all the interests of his kingdom among men.

The preacher or the church, but out of faithful devotion to a good God!